



**BIG SIOUX RIVER &  
SUSTAINABILITY  
SUMMIT**

**Thursday, December 7, 2023  
Sioux Falls Convention Center**

**Registration (7:45 – 8:10 a.m.)**

**Welcome (8:10-8:20 a.m.)**

	<b>Sustainability Track</b>	<b>Water Track</b>
<b>Session 1</b> 8:30–9:00 a.m.	<b>Urban Forestry in Action</b> Bryan Peterson, City of Sioux Falls	<b>Deciphering Water Quality Changes from Best Management Practices</b> Amber Lively, Big Sioux River Project
<b>Session 2</b> 9:10–9:40 a.m.	<b>Growing a Local Food Movement in South Dakota: Updates from SDSU Extension</b> Kristine Lang, SDSU Extension	<b>Cleaning Up the BSR and Impacting Economic Development</b> Travis Entenman, Friends of the Big Sioux River
<b>Session 3</b> 9:50–10:20 a.m.	<b>Avera Health and Sustainability: On the Path to Carbon Reduction</b> Allison Dvorak and Garrett Peters, Avera Health	<b>Improving Resiliency in the Big Sioux Watershed: A Master Drainage Plan in Brookings, SD</b> Andrea McEachran, ISG; Charlie Richter, City of Brookings, SD

**Break (10:20 – 10:40 a.m.)**

**Morning Keynote (10:40 – 11:40 a.m.)**

**Finding Recycling and Waste Diversion Opportunities Through Understanding Our Trash**  
Emily Altrichter and Kate Bartelt, HDR; Joshua Peterson, City of Sioux Falls

**Lunch (11:40 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

<b>Session 4</b> 1:00–1:30 p.m.	<b>Pollinator Areas and Other Lawn Alternatives: Considering Sustainable Solutions In Your Yard</b> Alina Krone-Hedman, Minnehaha Conservation District	<b>The Ever-Changing Story of Jurisdictional Waters</b> Kendall Vande Kamp, Wetland Scientist, HDR; Jill Rust, Environmental Project Manager, CEP, HDR
<b>Session 5</b> 1:40–2:10 p.m.	<b>Get Cozy and Save Money: How Home Energy Efficiency Can Help You</b> Chris Johnson, Johnson Environmental; Stacey McMahan, Koch Hazard Architects	<b>Too Much of a Good Thing - Excess Nutrients and Impact on Water Quality</b> Rachel Kloos, ISG
<b>Session 6</b> 2:20–2:50 p.m.	<b>How Sustainable Agriculture Practices Benefit Soil Health, Producers, and Communities</b> Austin Carlson, South Dakota Soil Health Coalition	<b>Drinking Water Supply and Distribution in Eastern South Dakota</b> Troy Larson, Lewis and Clark Regional Water System

**Break (2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.)**

**Mayor’s Address (3:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

**Afternoon Keynote (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

**Zebra Mussels in South Dakota a Panel Discussion**  
Tanner Davis, SDGFP; Adam Doll, MNDNR; Scott Pick, Randall Community Water District

*\*Agenda Subject to Change*